

ANN LANDERS



Easing the Ordeal

Dear Ann Landers: The letter written by "Grandmother-in-Waiting" couldn't have come at a better time. Like many other girls, I am pregnant and will soon sign papers to put my child up for adoption. I have been dreading this terrible ordeal for months, but now that I have read the grandmother's beautiful letter, I know my child will be received by loving arms.

Until I read that letter I was heartsick and miserable. I was sure I had let down my parents, my friends and my child. It never occurred to me that my sorrow could bring happiness to others.

When the grandmother described the new baby's room—ready and waiting—and the joyous parents-to-be counting the days, and aunts and uncles by the dozens waiting by the phone to get the happy news, I shed tears of happiness.

What is ahead for me will be much easier to face now, Ann. I pray to God my baby will get the kind of welcome described by Grandmother-to-be, and in my heart of hearts I feel certain he will. —GRATEFUL YOUNG GIRL.

Dear Young Girl: I received scores of letters from girls who share your problem. They all expressed deep appreciation to the adoptive grandmother who wrote. I hope this great lady sees your letter and knows how much good she has done. And now, here is another expression of gratitude.

Dear Ann Landers: So much is said about the unwed mother these days. I wonder if anyone realizes the heartaches of the woman who must give up her first grandchild.

Can you imagine what it means to suffer in silence when friends and relatives bring out their baby pictures, repeat their cute sayings and recount the joys of being a grandmother? I know, because I've been there. The grandmother of an out-of-wedlock child must be mature and strong. She must live with the knowledge that another woman, somewhere, is enjoying all the pleasures that might have belonged to her.

I pray with all my heart that my Granny substitute is like the wonderful woman who wrote the letter that appeared in your column. Please tell her so.—GRANDMOTHER-IN-SILENCE.

Dear Grandmother: You told her—and in a way I never could. Thank you, dear.

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me what you think of people who hang notes on furniture asking guests not to set wet glasses on the tables and admonishing cigarette smokers to use ash trays.

We have close friends whom we like to visit, but those notes stuck all over the house make my husband and me uncomfortable.

We are civilized people who have pretty good furniture at home and we don't need written instructions on how to behave when he goes visiting.

Will you tell us if we are too sensitive or are they out of line?—UNWELCOME FEELING.

Dear Feeling: Those notes are an insult and you have every right to say so.

The gracious hostess provides coasters with the drinks and sets out sufficient ash trays. If a guest is too stiff to use a coaster or an ash tray he is not about to read signs. Cloths who damage furniture should be policed carefully and not invited back.

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Lutheran Parents Pick Chief

Calvin Ehinger was elected president of the Parent-Teacher League of Ascension Lutheran School, Torrance, at its regular meeting Friday. He will begin his new duties in September.

Ehinger lives with his wife, Darlene, and their four children at 16123 Grevillea, Lawndale.

Other officers elected at Friday's meeting were Jack Meyer, Rolling Hills Estates, vice president; Mrs. Jean Adkins, Wilmington, secretary; and Mrs. Frances Lohmann, Torrance, treasurer.

Ascension's Parent-Teacher League is a member of the National Lutheran Parent-Teacher League, which serves many of the 1,400 Lutheran elementary schools affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Some of this year's projects include providing room mothers, serving hot lunches, assisting with classroom cleaning, and sponsoring paper drives. Proceeds from the paper drives will be used to fence a portion of the church and school property.

COUNT MARCO

Age Wipes Out the Past Sins

Growing old is something everyone hates to think about. I prefer to call it growing. However, as my Aunt the Contessa says, "Every woman must someday face the fact she's growing old and must grow old gracefully."

I say to you, use every means at your command to prevent the onslaught of age; face lifts, face peels, tint, foundation garments, diet, exotic clothes, cosmetics, creams, perfume; all the advantages of femininity.

But there must come a time for all of you one day to look in the mirror and say to yourself: "I've earned a rest. Now I can relax with my memories, forget all the artificial aids, be my true self and receive my due respect and admiration which I so richly deserve. I am what I am, an old woman!"

But don't make it a depressing statement of fact; consider it an acknowledgement that you've just laid aside a phase of your life and are about to embark on a more exciting one. After all, what is more beautiful in this world than a woman who stands stately tall, hair beautifully gray and simply coiffed? Your clothes are smartly cut from elegant fabrics and your hats, though a bit awkward, are part of an image of what you should wear.

There you stand like a Queen Mother. Everyone is proud to be in your company. You look venerable, sweet, smug and innocent. Actually you're probably none of these

but age is supposed to wipe out all sins of the past.

Give the young people a break. How can a young woman in difficulties run to a blonde grandmother and expect comfort and wisdom when the blonde appears as young as she? They need you, you with the gray hair standing there. So my dears, relax finally and let's see more of you. Resign from fighting the daily battle of wrinkles and bulges. But don't rush it. When you reach 75 or 80, then is the time to start. Then with another quarter century of good years ahead of you, you can really have a ball queening it over your family and friends. After all, you've earned the right, haven't you? I say you have.

Soldier Wins Second Medal

A Torrance soldier has been awarded his second Air Medal for heroism in combat in Vietnam.

Pfc. Paul L. Brown, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold O. Brown of 21342 Conrad Ave., received his second medal in Vietnam last Feb. 25.

He was cited for action while serving as door gunner on a helicopter during a reinforcement mission last Nov. 11 near the Vietnam-Cambodian border. His aircraft was taking troops into a landing zone under heavy fire by a North Vietnamese Army unit.

PFC BROWN was cited for performing his duties

"throughout the demanding operation in an exemplary manner."

"His actions," the citation reads, "inspired confidence in his fellow crewmembers and contributed to the operating efficiency of his aircraft, which was instrumental in saving the landing zone and preventing the subsequent loss of men and equipment."

PFC BROWN is assigned to Company A of the 1st Cavalry Division's 228th Aviation Battalion. He entered the Army in December, 1965, and was last stationed at Ft. Polk, La. He is a 1962 graduate of Redondo Union High School.



AT EL CAMINO . . . Internationally known singer Petula Clark, winner of the title "Number One Female Vocalist in 1966," will appear at El Camino College in concert next Tuesday. Tickets for the 8:30 p.m. concert are \$2.50, \$3, and \$3.50 and will be available at the box office and in the college store.

Annual Orchid Show Scheduled

Orchids that can be grown in the backyard, as well as exotic species which must be displayed by amateur growers in a spring orchid show at Alondra Park.

The South Bay Orchid Society Inc., co-sponsors the show with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. This will be the seventh annual spring exhibit.

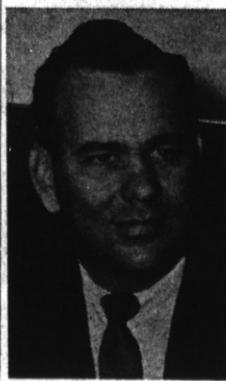
Any flower hobbyist, whether a member of the Orchid Society or not, may enter plants for exhibit or ribbon judging free, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

THE SHOW is open free to the public Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30. Hours are from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Photographers are invited to attend from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday.

The community building, 3535 Redondo Beach Blvd., will be turned into an orchidarium. There will be mass displays by some of the outstanding growers in Southern California and other orchid societies, in addition to the individual plant entries.

THE THEME of the show will be "Orchids for Amateurs," and there will be potting and other culture demonstrations to aid the beginner or the hobbyist who has just a few plants or small greenhouse.

One of the features of the show will be mantle and table arrangements featuring orchids and orchid corsages.



HARRY E. THOMPSON
Hospital Controller

Controller Named by Hospital

Harry E. Thompson, former controller at Baldwin Hills Hospital, has joined the staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

As controller, he will be in charge of hospital business affairs including accounts receivable, accounts payable, and payroll.

Thompson is a graduate of Woodbury College and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration.

HIS EARLIEST training was with Farmers Insurance where he was a field auditor and senior auditor.

From 1960 until 1963, he was associated with Smith Industries International where he served as tax and credit manager.

Thompson then became a public accountant for two years before he went on to Baldwin Hills Hospital in 1965.

HE IS A member of the American Association Hospital Accountants, and a past member of the Society of California Accountants, where he served two years on the board of directors.

Thompson, his wife, Marilyn, and their 10 children live in Hawthorne.

Wisteria Festival Planned

Wilmington's 17th annual Wisteria Festival will be celebrated at the century-old General Phineas Banning home in Banning Park beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The program is sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. It is timed to coincide with the blooming of a 200-year-old wisteria vine at the Banning residence.

Highlight of the festival will be a historical sketch titled "Our Wilmington Heritage," to be delivered by Douglas Goldie, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and a two-hour concert by the Mexican Tipica Orchestra.

Tours of the Banning residence will be conducted free of charge following the program.

Efforts To Save Girl Fail

Efforts of an off-duty fireman to save the life of a month-old girl failed Sunday.

The girl, Deborah Lynne Large, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Large of 400 Susana Ave., was pronounced dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital about 11:40 a.m. Sunday.

Police said Howard Stubbins, an off-duty fireman for the city of Vernon, was giving the little girl mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when they arrived at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard.

The parents told police they were on their way to church when they noticed the little girl's appearance. She had not been ill, they told officers.

Voters to Decide Future of Library

Torrance libraries are at a crossroads, George McMullen, chairman of the Citizens' Steering Committee for the Library Bond, declared today.

"The library system will either wind up with well-stocked shelves geared toward the community's interests or it will be left with five barren buildings," McMullen said.

"Which of the two paths will be the future of the libraries in Torrance depends on the outcome of the April 18 library bond election," he explained.

TORRANCE voters will decide the fate of a \$2,350,000 library bond issue at the April 18 special municipal election. Bond funds would be used for buying and processing books, constructing a new

central library, and building a new branch library. Existing branches also would be enlarged and improved.

The city's libraries currently are operated by the Los Angeles County Library System under a contract arrangement whereby the city rents books and services. That contract will expire June 30, 1968, and will not be renewed.

AT THAT time, Torrance will establish its own municipal library system. "Whether it is a good one or a bad one is strictly up to the voters April 18," McMullen said.

"In either event," he added, "the county will be removing its books. If voters approve the bond issue, the money will be there to buy the books we need to fill those shelves.

If the bond fails, the shelves will remain empty."

McMULLEN said it will be cheaper for taxpayers to buy books and finance other library improvements with bonds funds, which will be repaid during a 20-year period. He also said the increase in building costs—up 3 to 5 per cent each year—will result in added costs if construction of needed facilities is delayed.

Among those organizations which have endorsed the bond issue are the Torrance Board of Education, Riviera Homeowners Association, Torrance Council PTA, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance Education Association, YMCA, Friends of the Library, and Torrance League of Women Voters.

The Press-Herald also has urged approval of the bond issue.

Your Second Front Page

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A MAJORITY OF ONE

Veteran Performers Score New Success

The Kentwood Players of Westchester, who enjoy a reputation as one of the county's better community theater groups, have come up with another successful production in Leonard Spigelgass's comedy "A Majority of One."

Outstanding performances by two of the group's veterans are responsible for the success of the play, which opened last Friday night for a five-weekend run.

The vets are Esther Rosen, who portrays Mrs. Jacoby, and Arthur Montague, cast as Mr. Asano, in this message comedy which finds a Jewish woman from Brooklyn "keeping company" with a Japanese gentleman.

AS MRS. JACOBY, Mrs. Rosen is delightful as she tosses around the cliches which Spigelgass has used liberally throughout the script. And Montague, who steps on stage after directing a very successful production of Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge," brings a new zest to his lines as he explains the allergies which really don't need to be explained.

Kentwood's production is not, however, an unqualified success. Sonya Balkman and George Hedges, cast as Mrs. Jacoby's daughter and son-in-law, lack enthusiasm for their roles, although Hedges manages to come up with some great facial expressions in several scenes. Both appear to be

bored with the script—which, after all, is understandable.

DIRECTOR Jerry Silver seems to have forgotten the comedy in several instances and chooses, instead, to dwell on the message.

Frank Pitt, as the houseboy Eddie, and Derke Cadman, as Captain Norcross, provide some of the funnier moments. Cadman is particularly effective as the bumbling, melodramatic policeman. Pitt sustains his own role with his constant demands for a "few more miserable yen."

Others in the cast are Jeanette Kaufman as Mrs. Rubin, Marcia Luke as a lady passenger, Marti Rotkel as Tateshi, Calia Silvers as Ayako Asano, Irene Marsch as Noketi, Barbara Delin as a servant girl, and Ralph McCraw as the chauffeur.

PRODUCER Harry Pierce has designed some grand sets—although the time it takes to change them is sometimes too much for the audience.

Kentwood, nevertheless, has managed to stage an enjoyable performance, with the efforts of Mrs. Rosen and Montague far surpassing any of the faults—except, perhaps, the choice of the play.

"A Majority of One" will continue through April 22 with performances at Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave., on Fridays and Saturdays. Curtain times is 8:30 p.m.—J.R.

Surtax Opposed In Poll

Six out of 10 persons responding to a poll in Congressman Alphonzo Bell's January newsletter oppose the 6 per cent surtax proposed by President Lyndon Johnson to help finance the Vietnam War.

Bell (R-Los Angeles) said 60 per cent of those persons responding to the poll do not support the proposed federal surtax. He said 32 per cent of the respondents favor the tax, while 8 per cent said they were undecided.

Results of other questions on the poll were:

• Do you feel that the recently issued automobile safety standards are desirable? Yes: 57 per cent; No: 38 per cent; Undecided: 5 per cent.

• Do you favor the proposal to share federal tax revenues with the states? Yes: 48 per cent; No: 43 per cent; Undecided: 9 per cent.

• Do you support the application of U. S. economic sanctions against Rhodesia? Yes: 54 per cent; No: 35 per cent; Undecided: 11 per cent.

• Do you favor increased federal involvement with air and water pollution problems? Yes: 55 per cent; No: 39 per cent; Undecided: 6 per cent.

• Do you believe we should begin spending for an antiballistic missile defense system? Yes: 39 per cent; No: 45 per cent; Undecided: 16 per cent.

More Than 160,000 Tour YWCA During First Year

More than 160,000 people have visited the new Torrance Family YMCA building since it was opened a year ago.

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, chairman of the YMCA board, said today:

"After 12 months in the new youth program headquarters, we are delighted to report that the revolutionary new structure 'works,' Dr. Smith said.

Especially pleasing, he said, is the building's facility to accommodate large crowds without seeming crowded. "Since the good," he added, "since there's an average of 10 different meetings and programs each week night at the YMCA."

THE "Y" currently serves 6,218 Torrance area families. Dr. Smith said, with a program of clubs, camps, athletic activities, personal counseling, and leadership training in addition, there are 270 local "Y" clubs, making the

Torrance YMCA the second largest single YMCA in the world.

Dr. Smith said the building cost \$13.80 per square foot to build and that maintenance costs have been lower than anticipated. Other increases, however, have pushed the budget to \$105,000 per year—which must be raised in local gifts.

The Torrance "Y" still needs \$20,000 to balance the books for the current year, the board chairman said.

THE MOST asked question, Dr. Smith said, is: "When does the YMCA plan to build the indoor pool, gymnasium, and other facilities?"

"The answer," Dr. Smith said, "is simple. As soon as we're able." He said families are still paying on their pledges for the first unit and the YMCA still owes \$150,000 toward that unit.

board will launch a drive for \$700,000 to finance the physical fitness facilities.

Man Charged In Theft of Automobile

A 27-year-old Torrance man was arrested on suspicion of grand theft auto and possession of dangerous drugs Monday.

Thomas Bradley Miles, of 5109 Merrill St., was arrested by Torrance police about 1:30 p.m. Monday in connection with the theft of a car registered to William C. Evans of 4730 Emerald St.

Officers said they found 34 white pills on Miles while booking him on the auto theft charge at the Torrance City Jail.